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Members of the 149th Trooper Candidate Academy Class take the oath of office and officially become Maryland state troopers.

Maryland State Police Welcomes 39 New Troopers To Ranks of ‘Maryland’s Finest’

(REISTERSTOWN, MD) — The Maryland State Police welcomed new members to the ranks of “Maryland’s Finest” with the graduation of the 149th Trooper Candidate Academy Class on July 3, 2019.

Held at Lifepoint Church in Reisterstown, Maryland, the graduation ceremony, which included remarks from State Police Superintendent Col. William Pallozzi and Maryland Lt. Gov. Boyd K. Rutherford, came after the trooper candidates endured 25 weeks of rigorous training in a residential police academy that

demanded their very best.

This class of 39 trooper candidates included eight military veterans and three prior MSP cadets.

Eighteen have college degrees and the class president is following both of his parents’ footsteps into the Maryland State Police.

As a class, they participated in the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run, raising over \$1,000 for Special Olympics Maryland.

After graduation, each trooper will complete eight weeks of additional field training with an experienced trooper before they are able to patrol alone.



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PHOTOS: 149th Trooper Candidate Academy Class Graduation Ceremony



Hundreds of people, including family, friends, state troopers and various dignitaries gathered on July 3, 2019 at Lifepoint Church in Reisterstown, Maryland to witness the graduation of the 149th Trooper Candidate Academy Class. The 39-member class must now serve for eight weeks of additional field training with an experience trooper before being able to patrol on their own.



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MSP, Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Offer Tips To Secure Vehicles

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – The Maryland State Police, along with the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, are reminding motorists to take simple steps to avoid having their vehicles stolen.

The warnings came as July was National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month. In Maryland, a car is stolen every 40 minutes, while one is stolen every 45 seconds in the United States.

Overall, 50 percent of the vehicles stolen had the keys inside the vehicle while 60 percent of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked. Also, more than 66 percent of vehicle thefts occur at night and 95 percent of the vehicles stolen had no anti-theft devices.

Nationally, more than 773,000 vehicles were stolen in the United States in 2017. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, only about 59 percent of all stolen motor vehicles are ever recovered. According to the FBI, the approximate cost of vehicles stolen in the United States in 2017 totaled \$6 billion.

Here are steps you can take to prevent motor vehicle theft:

- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Always stow away your valuables.

The Maryland General Assembly

created the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 1994 as a statewide planning and dedicated funding resource. The Council embraces a statewide strategy directed at public awareness, vehicle theft by juveniles, law enforcement and prosecution through a grant award process.





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Troopers Arrest Eight During Checkpoint StrikeForce In Anne Arundel County

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) — Police made eight arrests between July 20-21 in Anne Arundel County during Checkpoint StrikeForce, a statewide joint initiative designed to combat drunk and drugged driving.

Police arrested five impaired drivers during the enforcement period in Anne Arundel County. Three additional arrests were made for illegal drug violations.

The sobriety checkpoint was conducted on MD Route 450 (Governor Ritchie Highway) north of Ritchie Road in Annapolis. During the 2 1/2 hour initiative, a total of 501 vehicles traveled through the checkpoint.

Police conducted stops on 44 vehicles in the Annapolis area. A total of five drivers were subsequently arrested for impaired driving and three individuals were arrested for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Troopers from the Maryland State Police Annapolis Barrack and Glen Burnie Barrack, Maryland Transportation Authority Police and Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA), participated in the operation.

The Maryland State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort or SPIDRE Team, also coordinated with law enforcement partners to conduct the initiative.

In an effort to further deter impaired driving, the MBAT, or Mobile Breath Alcohol Testing truck, coordinated with police during the initiative to streamline the arrest process by processing impaired drivers at the scene. The highly visible



MBAT truck is equipped inside with Intoximeters, or breath testing instruments. The MBAT truck is funded by the MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration's Highway Safety Office.

The Checkpoint StrikeForce initiative educates drivers on the dangers associated with driving while impaired by alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

On average, more than 7,400 crashes involving an impaired driver occur on Maryland roads each year.

Maryland State Police remind all citizens, if you plan on consuming alcoholic beverages, plan on having a sober designated driver. Maryland State Police encourages everyone to obey all traffic laws which results in Maryland roads and highways being safer for all travelers.



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Safety Tip of the Month

Since 1998, 800 children in the United States died because they were left inside a hot car alone. A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's.

It's never OK to leave a child or pet alone in or around a car for any reason. If you see a child left alone in a car, don't hesitate to act.

Don't forget to **look before you lock** your vehicle.



Maryland State Police Target Impaired Drivers Over July 4th Holiday

Troopers arrested 240 people over the four-day period

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Traffic enforcement efforts by Maryland state troopers during the Independence Day holiday period resulted in more than 9,500 traffic stops that led to 240 arrests, more than 100 of which included impaired drivers.

Maryland State Police patrol troopers began increased holiday traffic enforcement efforts on July 3, 2019 that continued through July 7, 2019. During that period, troopers arrested 119 impaired drivers, arrested 64 for criminal offenses and arrested another 57 people who were found to be wanted on warrants.

The arrests occurred during 9,552 traffic stops made by troopers

working traffic safety initiatives that included additional patrols, sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, and speed enforcement.

Troopers issued 6,371 citations, 5,841 warnings and 1,055 safety equipment repair orders. Troopers at each of the 23 Maryland State Police barracks were involved in special enforcement operations during the holiday period.

Additional troopers who worked overtime assignments were funded in part by highway safety grants from the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration Highway Safety Office.



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Maryland State Police Helicopters Perform Hoist Rescues In Garrett County

In a span of just four days, Maryland State Police helicopter crews rescued two patients in separate incidents in Garrett County.

On July 21st, a helicopter crew assisted first responders from Garrett County with the rescue of an injured female hiker in the area of Swallow Falls.

Shortly before 11 a.m., Garrett County emergency services requested Maryland State Police Aviation Command Trooper 5, based in Cumberland, to respond to Swallow Falls after rescue personnel encountered treacherous and remote conditions with high temperatures, for an extraction. The hiker was a female who sustained injuries when she slipped on wet rocks on the bank of the Youghiogheny River.

The crew of Trooper 5 arrived on scene and maneuvered the helicopter into a 150-foot hover above a rocky embankment. A trooper/paramedic was lowered to the river bed to prepare the patient for hoist. Trooper 5 performed a 150-foot hoist extraction of the patient within 10 minutes of arriving on scene. The patient was then transported to Ruby Memorial Hospital in West Virginia for evaluation and treatment.



Just after noon on July 17th, Garrett County emergency dispatch was notified that an unconscious adult male had been struck in the head by a falling tree near Bittinger, Md. Garrett County emergency services requested the assistance of Trooper 5 to perform an aerial hoist of the patient from a location near the accident.

The helicopter landed near the scene at an established landing zone and configured for a possible hoist extraction. The crew was informed that ground EMS were successful in gaining access to the patient by foot. Trooper 5 then took off and arrived over the scene and established a steady 150-foot hover. Trooper 5 performed a static hoist deployment of the trooper/paramedic and equipment to the ground crews.

Trooper 5 returned to the scene and reestablished a steady hover before performing a hoist extraction of the secured patient. The trooper/paramedic and patient were safely hoisted up into the cabin. The patient was transported to Ruby Trauma Center in West Virginia.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970 and operates a fleet of ten AW-139 helicopters from seven bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis. Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search & rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of rescues performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on the cooperative effort of local fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement agencies, and our partners at the United States Coast Guard.



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Troopers Target Safety Violations During Eastern Shore Commercial Vehicle Initiative

Troopers assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division work hard year round and statewide to maintain safety on our highways. Their goal is to enforce traffic laws when violations are committed by drivers of trucks and buses.

On July 18th, troopers concluded a two-day commercial vehicle enforcement initiative, concentrated in Caroline and Talbot counties.

Troopers conducted 67 inspections, which led to 10 percent of the vehicles to be placed out of service. In all, 35 citations were issued for various violations, including unqualified/suspended drivers, grossly

overweight vehicles and unregistered vehicles.

The Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division encourages and promotes a safe driving

environment through education and safety inspections while enforcing state and federal laws.

The division currently operates 11 weight and inspection facilities located throughout Maryland.



Camp C.O.P.S. Offers Life Lessons



(WESTMINSTER, MD) — A group of youngsters gained some valuable knowledge during the 21st annual Camp C.O.P.S. (Courage to be Outstanding with Pride & Self-Confidence) in Carroll County.

From forensics and fire rescue training to jousting and joining in water battles, police agencies coordinated educational fun for

young people during the two-day Camp. Campers learned about traffic stops and the bomb squad on one day. The next day, mentors taught leadership, competition and physical training. The Maryland State Police, Taneytown Police Department, Westminster Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Carroll County State's Attorney's Office provided the mentors and team leaders.